

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-10, and 31-37 are pending. Claims 4 and 31 are amended. No claims are cancelled or added.

Therefore, claims 1, 3-10, and 31-37 are now presented for examination.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 4, 6, and 31 for claim informalities.

Claims 4 and 31 are amended to refer to “the first plate”, rather than “the plate”.

Claim 6 is correct as written, and thus is not amended. The claim is intended to refer to a side of the die, as indicated in the claim.

Claim Rejections

The rejections of the claims are subject to an appeal, and thus are not addressed here.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (503) 439-8778 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

The Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time if needed. Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.


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Respectfully submitted,

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